



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

April 17, 2000

**H.R. 3879**  
**Sierra Leone Peace Support Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations  
on April 13, 2000*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 3879 would authorize appropriations totaling \$20 million in 2001 for programs to assist Sierra Leone in its transition to peace. Assuming the appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$18 million over the next five years. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3879 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3879 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

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|   | By Fiscal Year, in Millions Dollars |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|   | 2000                                | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| <b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b> |                                     |      |      |      |      |      |
| Estimated Authorization Level                       | 0                                   | 20   | a    | a    | a    | a    |
| Estimated Outlays                                   | 0                                   | 2    | 6    | 5    | 3    | 2    |

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a. Less than \$500,000.

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## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

The estimate assumes the enactment of H.R. 3879 and subsequent appropriation of the authorized amounts by October 1, 2000. The bill would authorize \$19.5 million for programs to assist Sierra Leone in demobilizing and demilitarizing combatants, in rebuilding its judiciary capacity, and in reconciling factions of the civil war. In addition, the bill would authorize \$0.5 million for the Department of State to assist those processes. CBO used historical spending rates for similar programs to estimate outlays.

The bill would also authorize a program of training for defense management, civil-military relations, law enforcement cooperation, and military justice beginning one year after Sierra Leone holds free and fair elections. CBO estimates that any budgetary impact would be less than \$500,000 per year. In addition, the bill contains provisions that could reduce assistance to neighboring countries; however, CBO has no basis for predicting whether future conditions would lead to an interruption of such assistance.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 3879 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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